

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed September 2, 2005. Through this response, claim 10 has been amended to insert a comma as shown, and claims 19 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims 1-18 are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-18 are allowable over the prior art of record. In that it is believed that every rejection has been overcome or rendered moot, it is submitted that each of the claims that remains in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

II. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants have submitted a revised PTO-1449 Information Disclosure Citation amended from the prior submission by showing the date of publication for reference F as requested in the Office Action dated 9/2/2005. Applicants wish to point out that reference F was submitted to the International Electron Devices Meeting in June 2002, which was viewed by a committee under an obligation to keep confidential, but subsequently not accepted. Subject matter of reference F was incorporated into the document referred to in the Information Disclosure Citation as reference (item) I. Applicants respectfully submit that compliance with the certification requirements under 37 CFR 1.97(e) have been achieved through this submission, and respectfully request that the information from the disclosure be considered as to the merits.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *Nguyen et al.* (“*Nguyen*,” U.S. Pat. No. 6,424,074). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but in the interest of expediting issuance of claims 1-18, Applicants have canceled claims 19 and 20, thus rendering the rejection moot. It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims that remains in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

IV. Canceled Claims

As identified above, claims 19 and 20 have been canceled from the application through this Response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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